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1. ☐ Dolno-Slaskie Zaklady Metalurgiczne I Aparatury Chemicznej at Szprotawa, Zielona Gora province, produces parts for railroad cars and agricultural machines ('odlewy, zelaza ciagliwego'). It also produces cast-iron pipes ('gusseisen') and 'canalization pipes' ('wlazy i rury kanalizacyjne'). The monthly output is about 760 tons. 50X1-HUM
2. ☐ Only a small percentage of the parts production remains in Poland - whatever is not good enough for export. The parts ('zelazo ciagliwe') are sent to the Zaklady Starachowickie at Starachowice for further finishing, and then to the Zaolzanskie Zaklady Konstrukcyj Stalowych at Zielona Gora. The finished railroad cars are sent from there to the USSR. 50X1-HUM

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3. "In 1950, about 150 tons of 'canalization pipes' were exported monthly. In 1951 no such pipes were exported. This year Soviet orders for 350 tons of such piping have been placed, for delivery in the fourth quarter of 1952. 'Canalization' pipes and 'pwlaz' have also been exported, at one time or another [redacted] 50X1-HUM
4. "The factory employs 450 workers, of whom 60 are clerks. Like all Polish enterprises, it is over-bureaucratized, and the office is flooded with papers, controls and all sorts of statistics. Every section and department chief has so much responsibility and has to take so many risks that most are completely 'shot' and would prefer physical to office work. 50X1-HUM
5. "The Director of the factory is Zygmunt Bryla. [redacted] The Personnel Chief is Michal Pilawicz [redacted] from Wilno, who has done much harm to the workers. He is about 30 years old and took over the job in 1950. [redacted] The POP Secretary in the factory is Jan Bocian. 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] According to established plans, this factory at Szprotawa is to change over to production 'S' in 1956. (Production 'S' means production of war materials.) The factory will take over the production of grenades now produced at Nowa Sol. Since its beginnings the factory at Nowa Sol has produced 'tubingi' (for tunnels, 70% of the production going to the USSR. At the end of 1951 the factory got an 'S' production department, for the production of hand grenades to be sent to the USSR. Today these grenades comprise 30% of the whole output. Nowa Sol has 1000 workers, and its total production is five times larger than that at Szprotawa. 50X1-HUM
7. [redacted] When I was working at Nowa Sol, from 1946 to 1949, the Secretary of the POP was Tadeusz Jakubiec [redacted] The head of the Factory Council was Edmund Podkowski. The Personnel Chief was Zbigniew Kwasiński. The Secretary of the City Council was Jozef Lukasz. The Secretary of the District Council, at Kozuchow, was (fnu) Stryzko. 50X1-HUM
8. [redacted] The scheduled production shift at Szprotawa comes under the Six-Year Plan; provides for a gradual shift to war production in most of the heavy industry in Silesia and elsewhere. At Grudziadz, the former Herzfeld-Victorinus factory, well-known before the war for its pipe production, has already been converted to war production. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
9. [redacted] In some factories there are already Soviets in the management or technical staff. For example, nearly the entire technical staff ('pion techniczny') at Nowa Huta, Krakow, is Soviet. No Soviets are officially in the office at Nowa Sol, but they go there for technical inspection and take over the deliveries. A Soviet engineer, (fnu) Fiedorovich, always inspected the production at Nowa Sol, but in the fall of 1951 he received a brain concussion in an automobile accident. The Nowa Sol director, (fnu) Kasprzak, was killed, and some engineers in the car were injured. The local press never mentioned this accident. The present director at Nowa Sol is Konstanty Daniel, a careerist [redacted] He is a joiner by profession and began at Nowa Sol as manager of the model section ('Kierownik dzialu modelarni'). [redacted] 50X1-HUM
10. [redacted] The attitude of the workers in Szprotawa is strongly anti-Communist and anti-regime. Hardly any worker now joins the Party. Although the norms have been increased, they find it does not pay to try to fulfil or exceed them, as the promises of better pay or premiums have seldom been kept. The spy system and uneasy atmosphere renders any organized resistance or sabotage activity impossible. But individual, unorganized acts may occur. In May 50X1-HUM

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of 1955 the barraging room ('smolownia') of the factory burned down. The UB searched everywhere but could find no cause. The undernourished worker who gets insufficient sleep is naturally careless. Half an hour before the end of the day he starts to quit. Party and management spies ran around the factory hunting out these 'lazy' workers, but there are not enough spies to keep an eye on all. So whether sabotage is the reason that the machines have to be repaired so often is difficult to say.

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